

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 49, and further amend the claims as indicated herein.

1. (currently amended) A communication device comprising:

a master microprocessor;

a security identity module operably connected to the master microprocessor through a bus;

a buffering device operable to communicate with said master microprocessor, ~~wherein the~~

~~buffering device comprises a microprocessor; and~~

a character recognition device operable to recognize handwritten characters provided in ~~messages~~

a first message and convert the handwritten characters into text,

wherein said master microprocessor is operable to receive said ~~messages~~ first message from the

buffering device or the security identity module;

wherein said buffering device is operably connected to the bus between the master

microprocessor and the security identity module;

wherein each of the master microprocessor and ~~the microprocessor of the buffering device is~~

capable of controlling the character recognition device, and

wherein the communication device is a handset, and transmits said ~~messages~~ first message, with

said text therein, via a communication network;

a receiving portion operable to receive a second message in a form of a standard SMS message;

and

a conversion device operable to convert said second message into a freehand drawn message.

2 - 3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said buffering device comprises:

a quantizer operable to transform ~~each of said messages~~ said first message into a collection of quantized messages.

5. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 4, wherein said buffering device further comprises:

a memory module operable to store said ~~messages~~ first message; and
an encoder operable to encode said ~~messages~~ first message prior to transmitting ~~them~~ said first message.

6. (previously presented) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said bus is defined by GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) standard 11.11.

7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is compatible with GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) standards.

9. (previously presented) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is a GSM (Global System for Mobile Communication) telephone.

10. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is a PDA (Personal Digital Assistant).

11. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said communication device is a wireless device.

12. (original) A communication device as set forth in claim 5, wherein said buffering device further comprises:

a decoder operable to decode received messages.

13. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 53, wherein said message entry device comprises:

a free-hand writing area in which said ~~free-hand drawn~~ first message can be entered.

14. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 13, wherein said message entry device further comprises:

- a create portion operable to place said communication device in a freehand message entry mode when activated; and
- a save portion operable to store said ~~free-hand-drawn~~ first message into said buffering device.

15. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 53, wherein said ~~freehand drawn messages comprise~~ first message comprises handwritten text, hand-drawn pictures, or both.

16. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 15, wherein said message entry device comprises:

- a text included portion operable to notify the master microprocessor that an optical character recognition function should be performed on ~~the free-hand-drawn~~ said first message; and
- a language portion operable to notify the master microprocessor that the optical character recognition facility to be performed is different than a default language associated with the communication device.

17. (currently amended) The communication device as set forth in claim 1, comprising:
wherein said buffering device is further operable to receive said first message in a form of a standard SMS ~~messages~~ message input on the communication device and a free-hand created ~~messages~~ message input using a free-hand compatible data entry device.

18. (currently amended) The communication device as set forth in claim 17, wherein said free-hand created ~~messages~~ message can be transmitted as an SMS message, a facsimile message or an e-mail message.

19 - 52. (canceled)

53. (currently amended) A communication device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a message entry device operable to provide said buffering device with said first message in a form of a free-hand drawn message entered by a user with said message entry device.